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From the above it would appear probable that DARKWA learned of DRAKE's letter to Nkrumah [redacted] article in the [redacted]

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In order to establish DRAKE's relationship with the Ghanaian Government and his activities while in Ghana certain leads are being set forth for Washington Field.

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2. Will determine from the Registration Section of the Department of Justice if DRAKE is registered as an agent of the Ghanaian Government. ~~(S)~~

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3. Will interview [redacted] concerning the basis for his belief that DRAKE brought his article critical of NKRUMAH to NKRUMAH's attention resulting in his loss of scholarship.

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(A lead to interview [redacted] was previously set forth for Washington Field under the [redacted])

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[redacted], by Chicago letter [redacted] caption, Chicago was requested to furnish basis for its requested interview [redacted]. Chicago will submit its justification under the [redacted] caption with reference to instant matter concerning DRAKE.)

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The Bureau is requested to consider authorizing Washington Field to check records of the Peace Corps concerning DRAKE, as a former employee and also to determine if he has any current relationship with that organization.

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In other comments DRAKE criticized the Negro United States Embassy employee, [redacted] who ran the American flag up after it had been torn down by rioters at the United States Embassy in Accra, Ghana. DRAKE stated that [redacted] act exposed to all the world that Negroes in the United States or even in the employ of the United States State Department are merely "lackeys" of their white superiors. He stated that it was obvious that [redacted] was ordered to run the flag up because of his color.

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Chicago is in agreement with the Bureau that no information developed to date indicates that the subject [redacted]  
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An information copy is being furnished the New [redacted]  
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[redacted] It is possible that [redacted] is cooperative as believed, may be in a position to furnish information as to the subject's status with the Ghanaian Government and its establishments in the United States.

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# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (97-4852)

FROM : *M.W.* SAC, CHICAGO (97-349) (P)

SUBJECT: *Early*  
JOHN GIBBS ST. CLAIR DRAKE  
REGISTRATION ACT - GHANA

DATE: 06-12-2008

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ReBulet dated 1/15/64 and WFO letter dated 2/20/64.

The subject, on February 17, 1964, was interviewed on Television Station WTTW at 9:30 PM. In the course of his remarks, DRAKE stated that he had just returned to the United States from a trip to Africa, where he had visited Zanzibar, Kenya and Ghana. As to Kenya and Zanzibar, DRAKE played down the reported "communist training" of the current leaders of these countries although admitting that the present dictator of Zanzibar was trained in Cuba in guerrilla warfare.

As to Ghana, DRAKE stated that he is surprised at the "amazement" of United States newspapers and commentators concerning President NKRUMAH and his Socialist policies. He stated that no one should be amazed at NKRUMAH's policies because NKRUMAH has always been frank as to his sympathies. DRAKE cited that NKRUMAH in 1951 stated "I am a Marxist" and in 1956 stated that Ghana, upon receiving her independence, would need a "totalitarian Marxist government".

DRAKE stated that NKRUMAH is genuinely worried about his possible assassination and has good reason to believe that some of the attempts on his life have been inspired by the United States through the Central Intelligence Agency. At the point DRAKE exhibited a brochure given him personally by NKRUMAH which was recently published in Ghana as NKRUMAH's tribute to the late President, JOHN F. KENNEDY.

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CLASSIFICATION PER OGA LETTER  
DATED 06-10-2008

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (97-4852)

FROM : SAC, WFO (100-35657) (RUC)

SUBJECT: JOHN GIBBS ST. CLAIR DRAKE  
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DATE: 3-13-64

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(S) pertinient National Agencies were checked in Bureau Peace  
Corps-Applicant investigation of subject in 1961-1962  
(Bureau file 161-1681, CG file 161-521, WFO file 161-1367).

It is left to discretion of Chicago to make  
recommendations as to further investigation of subject.

WFO contemplates no further action in this  
matter at this time.

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# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (97-4852)

CLASSIFICATION PER OGA LETTER  
DATED 06-10-2008

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (97-349) (C)

DATE: 4/21/64

SUBJECT: JOHN GIBBS ST. CLAIR DRAKE  
REGISTRATION ACT - GHANA  
OO: Chicago

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Rebulet dated 1/15/64 and Washington Field letter  
dated 3/13/64.

(S) Chicago is in agreement with the comments of  
Washington Field Office set forth in referenced Washington  
[redacted] that the information [redacted]  
[redacted] could not appear to form a basis for a  
(S) registration Act investigation of the subject. (S)

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In that no information has been developed indicating  
subject may be acting as an agent for the Government of  
Ghana, no further investigation is believed warranted and this  
case is being closed.

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~~Chase DC~~ L M that he had received a telephone call from another Ghanaian national warning him that his activities, as well as those of other Ghanaians in Chicago who are anti-Nkrumah, are being closely checked by an official of the Ghana

~~Tolson Washington D.C.~~ [redacted] stated he was told that [redacted] of the Embassy of Ghana in ~~Washington DC~~ had been given the mission of gathering information concerning anti-Nkrumah students in the Chicago area, particularly [redacted] and [redacted] who had previously testified before the Senate Internal Security Sub-committee of Senator Tedious Dodd.

[redacted] stated that he was informed that Nkrumah had obtained the assistance of Professor John St. Clair Drake of the Sociology Department at Roosevelt University, in gathering information concerning the anti-Nkrumah students in Chicago. Supposedly Nkrumah is interested in the "daily activities" of the students.

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Professor St. Clair Drake, [redacted] stated, is an American Negro who, as a sociologist, has made a study of Africa for a number of years. Drake, through visits to Ghana, has become a personal friend of President Nkrumah of that country and has defended Nkrumah ever since the latter came to power. Drake spent a year as the head of the Sociology Department at the University of Ghana and in 1962 represented the United States as an official of the Peace Corps in Ghana.

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RE: [redacted]

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[redacted] stated that, during the previous two weeks, he and his wife had received approximately eight "mysterious" telephone calls. In each instance the caller hung up upon the [redacted] answering. In the opinion of [redacted] these calls possibly were made for the purpose of determining whether he was at home.

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A source advised April 16, 1937, that John G. St. Clair Drake was a member of the Executive Board of the National Negro Congress in 1937.

The National Negro Congress has been designated by the Attorney General pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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*cur* MEMORANDUM FOR Mr. Callahan

Mr. Rosen

Mr. Evans

Mr. Sullivan

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Reference is made to my prior memoranda which transmitted to you the names of persons who are not to be interviewed unless compelling reasons dictate, in which event the matter should be called to my attention.

Attached is identifying data regarding John Gibbs St. Clair Drake of Chicago, Illinois, concerning whom these instructions apply.

Very truly yours,

L. Edgar Hoover

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John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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10 copies of attachment sent to Mr. Rosen  
10 copies of attachment sent to Mr. Evans  
11 copies of attachment sent to Mr. Sullivan

NOTE: In January, 1962, a Peace Corps applicant investigation of Drake was instituted. It disclosed subversive derogatory data concerning Drake and his wife. In connection with the investigation, Drake wrote a critical letter to the Chicago Office, stating that he was not seeking Federal employment and implying that the FBI was using deception to obtain information concerning him. When contacted, Peace Corps acknowledged that Drake

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had no knowledge that he was being considered for employment. See memo from W. V. Cleveland to Mr. Evans dated February 9, 1962, regarding Drake.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (65-68576)  
FROM: SAC, MILWAUKEE (65-1199) P  
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OCA LETTER #910146  
Re Milwaukee letter dated 11/11/64. ~~64-BJA/MLB~~  
1-23-01

Enclosed for the Bureau are the original and six copies of a letterhead memorandum dated 2/26/65. Enclosed for WFO are two copies of the same LHM.

(S) MERTENS was re-interviewed by SAs [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] on 2/16/65 and the data set out in the enclosed LHM  
was attained during this interview. [REDACTED]

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The enclosed letterhead memorandum is being classified confidential because it contains information of possible intelligence significance, the disclosure of which might have an adverse effect on the national security.

It will be noted that per Bureau O-1 form received 2/9/65, Milwaukee promised to have the letter submitted by 2/22/65. Due to high volume of stenographic work, this was not possible and, therefore, this information is being submitted by airtel to expedite.

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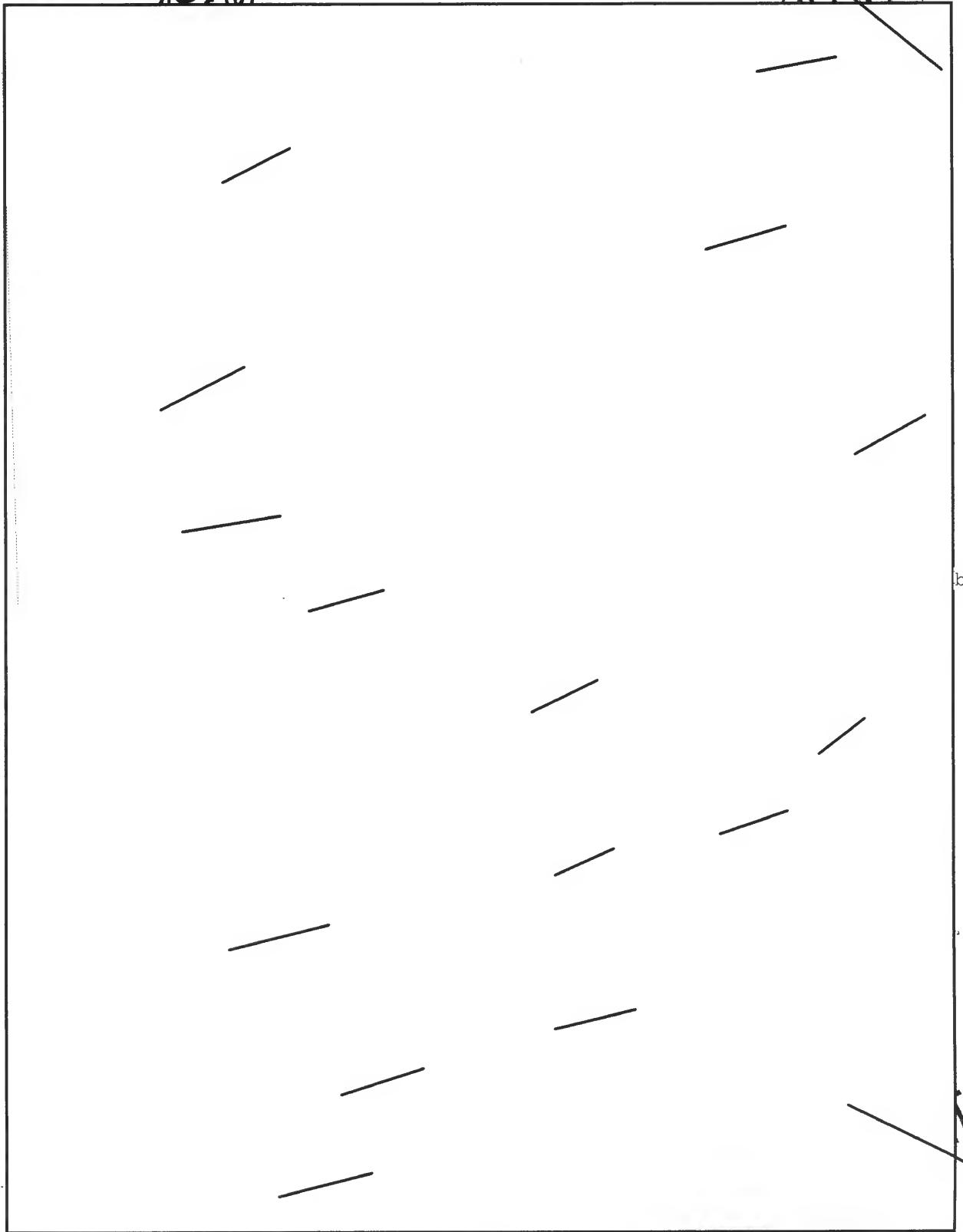
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Report of: SA [redacted]  
 Date: February 5, 1965

Field Office File #: Chicago 97-349

Title: JOHN GIBBS ST. CLAIR DRAKE

Character: REGISTRATION ACT - GHANA

Synopsis:

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[redacted] Washington, D.C.

Embassy of Ghana.

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Office: CHICAGO

Bureau File #: 97-4852

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appearance on Chicago radio program, subject criticized  
 U.S. support of TSHOMBE in Congo.

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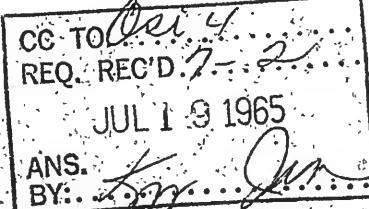
## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

CLASSIFICATION PER OGA LETTER  
 DATED 06-10-2008

REPORTING OFFICE CHICAGO	OFFICE OF ORIGIN CHICAGO	DATE 2/5/65	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 10/20/64 - 2/2/65.
TITLE OF CASE  JOHN GIBBS ST. CLAIR DRAKE 2/15/60 CLASSIFIED BY <del>NLS/CLC/60267-AAG</del> DECLASSIFY ON: <del>25X</del> 910146		REPORT MADE BY SA [redacted]	TYPED b6 kRP b7c
CHARACTER OF CASE  REGISTRATION ACT -- GHANA			

## REFERENCES:

Bureau letter 12/4/64.



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## ADMINISTRATIVE

No recommendation is being made to interview the subject in view of his attitude toward the FBI in the past as expressed in a letter to the Chicago Office dated 1/26/62.

Furthermore, because of the subject's status as a former official of the Peace Corps in Ghana, any relationships he maintains with officials of the Ghana Government at the present time would obviously be explained by him as being related to his Peace Corps role. Additional investigation therefore is not believed warranted.

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DETAILS:

The National Negro Congress mentioned in this report has been designated by the Attorney General pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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[redacted] Ghana Students ChANA  
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Association in the Americas (GSAA) advised on October 20, 1964, that he had received a telephone call from another Ghanaian national warning him that his activities, as well as those of other Ghanaians in Chicago who are opposed to President NKRUMAH of Ghana, are being closely checked by an official of the Ghana Embassy, Washington, D.C. [redacted] stated that he was told that [redacted] of the Embassy of Ghana, had been given the mission of gathering information concerning anti-NKRUMAH students in the Chicago area, particularly [redacted] and [redacted], both of whom had previously testified before the Senate Subcommittee of Senator THOMAS DODD.

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CG T-1 advised on April 16, 1947, that JOHN G. ST. CLAIR DRAKE was a member of the Executive Board of the National Negro Congress in 1947.

The files of the Protocol Office, U.S. Department of State, were reviewed November 9, 1964, and revealed that

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of Ghana, effective August 22, 1964. 144  
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respectively, of the GSAA, advised that they had a joint interview that date with [redacted] at the Sheraton-Blackstone Hotel, Chicago. [redacted] had been invited by [redacted] to confer with him, but [redacted] although he accompanied [redacted] had received no specific invitation. [redacted] informed [redacted] and [redacted] they stated, that the purpose of his coming to Chicago was to confer with Ghanaian students "as a brother". [redacted] informed [redacted] that he and [redacted] had learned of the latter's coming to Chicago prior to his arrival and knew that his actual objective was to "silence" the anti-NKRUMAH students in Chicago. [redacted] advised [redacted] and [redacted] that they had disgraced the Government of Ghana and in effect committed treason against their homeland, which would forever prevent their returning to Ghana. He specifically criticized their testimony before

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the Senate Subcommittee of Senator DODD in which they alleged that the NKRUMAH government is pro-communist. He stated they were misinformed as to conditions in Ghana and, according to [redacted] and [redacted] stated, "Any time Ghana wants any of you, we can get you back the same day."

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[redacted] and [redacted] advised on January 15, 1965, that they had no direct knowledge of [redacted] having conferred with the subject concerning the political sympathies of Ghanaian students in Chicago. [redacted] stated, however, at a recent social affair for African students, that he met an American Negro, a graduate of the University of Chicago, who stated that he was leaving the United States in the near future, having accepted a position with the Government of Ghana. This individual, whose name [redacted] did not recall, stated that his decision to accept this position, was made at the urging of Professor ST. CLAIR DRAKE, with whom he was closely acquainted. Professor DRAKE, he stated, had described Ghana as the "ideal society," having put into operation sociological concepts superior to those of any other African nation.

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[redacted] Sheraton-Blackstone Hotel, Chicago, advised on January 27, 1965, that [redacted] registered at the hotel at 10:53 a.m., November 1, 1964. He indicated [redacted] the Embassy of Ghana, 2460 16th Street, NW, Washington 9, D.C. He checked out of the hotel at 11:00 a.m. on November 2, 1964. No local telephone calls were charged to his number during his stay, according to [redacted].

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[redacted] Inter-national House, University of Chicago, advised on January 28, 1965, that while African students frequently use meeting rooms of the International House for meetings, he had no knowledge of any officials of Ghana being in contact with Ghanaian students or the subject addressing any such meeting.

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[redacted] Institute for International Education, 116 South Michigan Avenue, Chicago, advised on February 2, 1965, that the subject is regarded as the outstanding authority on Africa in the Middle West. Consequently, the majority of visiting African

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officials contact DRAKE during their visits to Chicago. In the past, various educational missions from Ghana have been entertained by DRAKE during their stay in Chicago, and some have come specifically to Chicago to confer with DRAKE. [redacted] was unable to furnish any information as to any Ghanaian Embassy officials who have been in touch with DRAKE recently.

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CG T-3 advised on January 28, 1965, that to his knowledge, no officials of the Ghana Government or Ghana Embassy have visited the subject at Roosevelt University in the recent past.

CG T-4 advised on January 28, 1965, that he could furnish no information concerning Professor DRAKE's being in contact with officials of the Ghana Government at Roosevelt University, although DRAKE is reputedly acquainted with a great many Ghanaian nationals because of his Peace Corps assignment in Ghana and his association with the University of Ghana.

Public Statements of the Subject

Professor ST. CLAIR DRAKE appeared on radio program "Conference Call" on radio station WBBM at 6:15 p.m., January 6, 1965. He was introduced by the moderator, [redacted] as a professor of Sociology at the Roosevelt University, who has made annual visits to Africa since 1961. After a brief statement concerning the current situation in the Congo, DRAKE was asked to answer any questions which the radio audience might ask through telephone calls to the station in the course of the program.

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Set forth hereinafter are excerpts from this program:

Question by Moderator [redacted]

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"Isn't there also a mixed-up leadership? There is no really one leader that everybody follows in the Congo, is there?"

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DRAKE:

"There was once a leader, but he was murdered, PATRICE LUMUMBA, and I would say that since LUMUMBA's murder, there has been no one leader and the fundamental current problem in the Congo rests on the fact, I think, that the West has tried to make a leader out of a man most Africans hate and despise... I am referring to TSHOMBE, who is now the Prime Minister of the Congo and any attempt to impose a leader where there is not one is asking for trouble, I think ..."

DRAKE:

"... The question of how much popular support TSHOMBE has is a very difficult question to answer. One might try it this way: It has been estimated that one-sixth of the Congo is in military revolt against TSHOMBE, which would tend to indicate that at least one-sixth is displeased with him enough to revolt. The only way we'd ever know this would be if the Americans would stop supplying military support to TSHOMBE and let the Africans either fight it out or vote it out themselves. We'll never know the answer to this as long as we prop him up with our military aid. And I think the only way to get that answer is for America to abide by the U.N. Resolution which asks all nations to stop interfering in the internal affairs of the Congo ..."

Question by unidentified member of radio audience:

"Wasn't LUMUMBA trained in Moscow by the communists?"

DRAKE:

"No. LUMUMBA had never been to Moscow in his life. I happen to have been in Africa in 1960

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# Memorandum

TO: *me* DIRECTOR, FBI (97-4852)

FROM: SAC, CHICAGO (97-349) (C)

SUBJECT: JOHN GIBBS  
ST. CLAIRE DRAKE  
REGISTRATION ACT - GHANA.

DATE: 6/24/65

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DATE 2/15/00 BY *6227ms/ccl/pk*

Re San Francisco letter dated 5/24/65.

Enclosed for the information of San Francisco  
is a copy of the report of SA [redacted]  
dated February 5, 1965, at Chicago, entitled "JOHN GIBBS  
ST. CLAIRE DRAKE, REGISTRATION ACT - GHANA."

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In view of the fact that the subject upon his  
return from Ghana in September, 1965, will be a member  
of the faculty of Stanford University, Palo Alto,  
California, for the autumn quarter, the possibility  
exists that he may come to the attention of the San  
Francisco Office. This is based on DRAKE's involvement  
in the past with African Student groups and pro-NKRUMAH  
political factions and his frequent contact with officials  
of the Ghana Government and Ghana Embassy. In this  
regard Chicago notes, as set forth in the enclosure.  
DRAKE allegedly assisted [redacted] *CAR/F*  
Ghana Embassy, in gathering information concerning  
anti-NKRUMAH Ghanaian students in Chicago. *JCL*

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Investigation of [redacted] developed the allegation,  
verified that [redacted] visited a university in California  
with [redacted] Convention  
People's Party of Ghana, in late 1964 or early 1965.  
Reportedly [redacted] who was temporarily visiting in the

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United States, was assaulted by an anti-NKRUMAH faction of Ghanaian students at the university and barely escaped physical harm.

While the identity of the university was not established [redacted] Ghana Students Association in the Americas, a resident of Chicago, subsequently advised that he had learned from other [redacted] students that the incident allegedly took place at Stanford University.

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It is possible therefore that if an anti-NKRUMAH element exists among the African students at Stanford, DRAKE may attempt to identify these individuals to the Ghana Embassy or seek to influence them politically to support NKRUMAH.

DRAKE is not a Security Index subject of the Chicago Office and no specific investigation is being requested, however, San Francisco should be alert for any information developed indicating DRAKE is in violation of the Foreign Agents Registration Act.

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SAC, Milwaukee (65-1199)

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Director, FBI (65-68576)

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GERARD MERTENS  
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ReHaiertel and accompanying letterhead memorandum both  
dated 2/26/65 wherein Milwaukee suggestion that specific  
individuals named in the letterhead memorandum be interviewed.

For your information the following is noted: Bureau  
indices contain no identifiable information on [redacted]

(U) [redacted] or [redacted] based on the information  
furnished in re letterhead memorandum. ~~✓~~

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With regard to the other names set forth in re letterhead  
memorandum, Bufiles contain the following:

(U) [redacted] Mrs. George P. Abel, who  
was a U.S. Senator from Nebraska for a short period in 1954.  
She and her mother met the Director in December, 1954. For the  
past three-four years, [redacted] has apparently traveled extensively  
throughout the world and undoubtedly visited the USSR in early 1959. ~~✓~~

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(U) Martin Florian Carl Joseph Herz, born 7/9/17, New York,  
New York, as late as June, 1962, was a foreign service officer  
of the State Department. ~~✓~~

(U) John Gibbs St. Clair Drake, born 1/2/11, Suffolk, Virginia,  
is a former official of the Peace Corps, who served in Ghana, Africa. ~~✓~~

(U) James Herman Robinson, born 1/24/07, Knoxville, Tennessee,  
at the time of his appearance before the House Committee on  
Un-American Activities on 5/5/64 was the Director of Operation  
Crossroads, Africa, Inc., 150 5th Avenue, New York City, a privately  
financed organization. Robinson at that time was also a member  
of the National Advisory Council of the Peace Corps. ~~✓~~

(U) 1 - WFO (65-9193)

(U) 1 - 161-1681 ((Drake)) ~~✓~~

(U) 1 - 100-157512 ((Herz)) ~~✓~~

(U) 1 - 100-399881 ((Robinson)) ~~✓~~

(U) 1 - [redacted] ~~✓~~

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Letter to SAC, Milwaukee  
RE: GERARD MERTENS  
65-68576

In view of subject's statement that none of the above persons were individuals with whom he engaged in homosexual relationships, the Bureau does not feel any useful purpose will be served by interviewing them. No intelligence significance is attached to the fact that the Soviets obtained their names unless subject also furnished to them, which he denies, derogatory background on the individuals which made them susceptible to compromise. ~~S~~

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Five (5) copies of Exhibit C (application for membership in UNAVA).

Five (5) copies of Exhibit D (clippings from "Chicago Defender", 1/25/41).

ADMINISTRATIVE

The following letter dated January 26, 1962, on stationery of Roosevelt University, 430 South Michigan Avenue, Chicago 5, Illinois, was received by the Chicago Office. No reply to this letter is contemplated:

"Regional Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
536 South Clark Street  
Chicago, Illinois

"Dear Sir:

"It has come to my attention that, within the last few weeks, certain persons representing themselves as agents of your bureau have visited a number of my colleagues, friends and acquaintances making inquiries about my associations, character, publications, and varied activities. These alleged investigators have said that the inquiries are being made 'in connection with Federal employment.' I use the term 'alleged', since I have never applied for Federal employment, it is conceivable to me that the FBI would use deception in acquiring information.

"If, however, these are bona fide investigators, I think I have the right to be informed as to who has told the FBI that I am seeking Federal employment, and as to why I am being 'investigated'. A lot of money is being spent, a lot of time being used, and many people being bothered to find out facts that are a matter of public record and sworn statement. It seems a bit silly to me, as well as a downright waste of the taxpayers money given the fact that I am not seeking Federal employment.

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"And, frankly, I resent it. So I would appreciate some clarification of this inexplicable episode in my long, open-and-above-board career as an academic, a concerned citizen, and, I think, a loyal American."

"Sincerely yours,

(signed) St. Clair Drake

St. Clair Drake,  
Professor of Sociology"

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Mr. Gale

October 17, 1967

W. V. Cleveland

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AND OTHER PUBLIC INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

Full field investigation being ordered at request of  
Civil Service Commission based on information concerning [redacted]  
[redacted] St. Clair Drake, [redacted] controversial American  
Negro with whom [redacted]

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[redacted] Roosevelt University where [redacted] is  
a professor of sociology.

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1 - Mr. Cleveland  
1 - [redacted]  
1 - 161-1681 (St. Clair Drake)  
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Memorandum to Mr. Gale  
Re: [redacted]

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[redacted] a Negro (wife is white), was placed on FBI's "no contact list" 1962 following criticism of FBI for investigating him in connection with proposed employment with Peace Corps. Professor Drake has sponsored Communist Party front groups and has associated with Communist Party members and sympathizers. Investigation of St. Clair Drake conducted 1965 (Registration Act - Ghana) based on allegation of his assisting Nkrumah government of Ghana in gathering information on anti-Nkrumah students in Chicago. He reportedly developed close personal friendship with former President Nkrumah, whom he defended against accusations of being procommunist.

ACTION:

1. Full field investigation is being ordered; State Department is being requested to conduct overseas investigation. Field offices are being instructed to assign investigation to mature, experienced Agent personnel.

2. This memorandum should be directed to Domestic Intelligence Division for following purposes:

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b. Information re [redacted] a Reserve A Index subject, and his possible employment at [redacted] is of interest to Domestic Intelligence Division.

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c. Liaison Section is requested to furnish State Department attached memorandum which shows that [redacted]

[redacted] and information in FBI file b6 b7C re [redacted] and [redacted] has been previously furnished to state Department. State Department should be advised that memorandum requesting foreign investigation will be forwarded to State Department in near future.

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UNITED STATES OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT

Federal Investigative  
Services Division

May 1, 2009

Mr. William J. Maxwell, University Scholar  
Associate Professor of English  
Department of English  
608 South Wright Street  
Urbana, IL 61801

Dear Mr. Maxwell:

This is in reference to our January 7, 2009, letter to you regarding St. Clair Drake. We advised you information on document 3 required additional consultation with the Department of State before it could be released.

Enclosed is document 3 that has been reviewed by the Department of State. This information is being furnished with no deletions.

If you have any questions regarding this response, please contact the Freedom of Information Privacy Act Branch at 724-794-5612, extension 7000. Please reference tracking #2009-02943.

Sincerely,

Carol Dennis  
FOI/PA Specialist

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The December 11, 1950, issue of "Labor Action", official organ of the Independent Socialist League, carried an article that St. Claire Drake had been the speaker at a regular meeting of the Socialist Youth League in Chicago, Illinois, during November 1950. (The Socialist Youth League has been cited as a Communist organization by the Attorney General.)

3. Office of Security, Department of State, information: A memorandum dated April 10, 1951, states in part: "Subject's case was presented to the National Selection Committee, Board of Foreign Scholarships, on October 9, 1950. It was the Board's decision to reject subject's application on the grounds of general unsuitability." The memorandum goes on to state that Senator J. William Fulbright, who had entered the room shortly after the beginning of the presentation, asked for the floor and stated that inasmuch as this was a Government program sponsored by Government funds that he saw no reason for rewarding Drake, regardless of his color, because of his being a conscientious objector. In addition, Senator Fulbright pointed out that . . . he did not feel the Board should lean over backward in this case, because the applicant was colored, and approve him for another grant."

Another memorandum dated September 24, 1958, states that the case of the above-named individual was presented to the Committee on Selections of the Board of Foreign Scholarships on that date. It was the decision of the Committee to disapprove him for Fulbright assistance.

We have been informally advised that it is most unusual for Senator Fulbright to appear before the Board and take a definite stand on an individual case.

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RE:

John Gibbs St. Clair Drake  
BORN: January 2, 1911  
PLACE: Suffolk, Virginia

RESIDENCE:

245 Leland Ave., Palo Alto,  
California  
Unknown

BUREAU FILE NUMBER:

WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE:

C360087 issued August 21, 1962;  
Renewed August 1965 at New York

ATTORNEY:

TRAVEL PLANS

PORT OF DEPARTURE:

New York

DATE OF DEPARTURE:

August 23, 1965

MEANS OF TRANSPORTATION:

Air - Pan American

PROPOSED LENGTH OF STAY:

Till October 1, when I return to U.S. to teach

COUNTRIES TO BE VISITED:

Ghana

PURPOSE OF TRIP:

I am teaching at University of Ghana. Came to  
lecture at Syracuse University for 2 weeks.  
Must be back in Ghana by August 24, 1965

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FBI LIAISON:

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RE: DRAKE, JR., JOHN GIBBS ST. CLAIR

DATE OF BIRTH:

January 2, 1911

PLACE OF BIRTH:

Suffolk, Virginia USA

RESIDENCE:

245 Leland Avenue  
Palo Alto, California 94306

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DATE OF DEPARTURE:

June 29, 1971

PURPOSE OF TRIP:

Visit friends at universities and to use  
libraries and museums.

LENGTH OF STAY:

3 months

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MEANS OF TRANSPORTATION:

Air

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COUNTRIES TO BE VISITED:

England, France, Switzerland, Belgium,  
Holland & Greece.

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UNITED STATES OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT

Federal Investigative  
Services Division

January 7, 2009

Mr. William J. Maxwell, University Scholar  
Associate Professor of English  
Department of English  
608 South Wright Street  
Urbana, IL 61801

Dear Mr. Maxwell:

This is in reference to your January 27, 2008, Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request to the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) for information regarding St. Clair Drake. The FBI forwarded documents that originated with the Civil Service Commission for our review and direct response to you.

The enclosed documents have been reviewed pursuant to the provisions of the FOIA. The Civil Service Commission's information is provided to you with no deletions.

Document 3 contains information furnished by the Department of State. We are in the process of consulting with the Department of State regarding the release of this information. You will be notified of the results of our consultation.

Document 2 contains deletions made by the FBI. The appropriate exemption appears next to the redacted information. You may appeal these denials by writing to the following address within sixty days of the date of this letter: Co-Director, Office of Information and Privacy, United States Department of Justice, 1425 New York Avenue, NW, Suite 11050, Washington, D.C. 20530-0001 within sixty days from the date of this letter. The envelope and the letter should be clearly marked "Freedom of Information Appeal" or "Information Appeal."

If you have any questions regarding the above, please contact the Freedom of Information Privacy Act Group at 724-794-5612 extension 7000. Please reference tracking #2009-02943.

Sincerely,

Christine Bilunka  
Chief, FOI/PA Branch

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<p>UNITED STATES CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION BUREAU OF DEPARTMENTAL OPERATIONS WASHINGTON 25, D. C.</p> <p><b>REFERRAL OF CASE TO FBI FOR INVESTIGATION</b></p>	DATE:	REPLY REFER TO CASE SERIAL NO:
	9-22-61	1.23.62.1362 K-29
<p>TO:</p> <p>Honorable J. Edgar Hoover Director Federal Bureau of Investigation Washington 25, D. C.</p>	NAME:	DRAKE, John Gibbs St. Clair
	AGENCY:	International Cooperation Administration
	AUTHORITY FOR INVESTIGATION:	<input type="checkbox"/> Atomic Energy Act of 1954, 83rd Congress, 2nd Session <input type="checkbox"/> Other Public Laws <input type="checkbox"/> Executive Order 10422 as Amended <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Executive Order 10450 as Amended

This case is referred to you for investigation in view of the information contained in the Basis For Referral specified below. Please furnish copies of your reports of investigation to this office in the regular manner.

**BASIS FOR REFERRAL:**

- FBI Files
- CSC Security Investigations Index
- CSC Security Research Files
- House Committee on Un-American Activities Files
- Office of Naval Intelligence Files
- Department of Army Files
- Department of Air Force Files
- Coast Guard Intelligence Files
- Application Form, Personnel Security Questionnaire, or Standard Form 86
- Confidential Inquiry Form(s)
- Report of previous investigation. Copies attached as indicated under Enclosures.
- Report of previous investigation. Report may be reviewed at the Office of Chief, Investigations Division. Arrangements for review may be made by telephoning Code 129, extension 5104.
- Other (Specify)

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**REMARKS:**

Please refer to International Cooperation Administration letter dated 9-18-61 with referenced enclosures, which raise a question of loyalty. The Commission has conducted no investigation in this case. Our Security Research Files have not been searched.

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Kimbell Johnson, Chief  
INVESTIGATIONS DIVISION

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- CSC Form 257 with attachments.
- Application Form, 2 copies of PSQ, or Standard Form 86.
- Copies of \_\_\_\_\_ reports of previous investigation.
- Form DI-17, DI-17A, or DI-34
- Enclosures in duplicate

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Mrs. Dorothy Jacobson  
Director of Personnel, Peace Corps  
300 M.

September 11, 1961

Charles N. Keating, M/SEC, ICA  
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DRAKE, John Gibbs St. Claire

The following information does not represent a full field investigation, but is taken from the files of the House Committee on Un-American Activities, the FBI, and the Office of Security, Department of State, in response to our request for a name check:

1. House Committee on Un-American Activities information (General Indices): "The Worker" (Communist publication), under date of August 29, 1948, listed St. Claire Drake as the signer of a statement by Negro Americans in behalf of arrested Communist leaders.

A photostat of a letterhead dated May 5, 1950, showed St. Claire Drake as a Chicago sponsor of the National Committee to Defeat the Mundt Bill. (The Mundt Bill was legislation to attempt to control Communist activities in the United States.)

2. FBI information: The January 25, 1941, issue of the "Chicago Defender" contained a photograph of four Negroes with right hands upraised. The caption set forth the statement that they "swear they will not fight for Uncle Sam." One of these individuals was listed as St. Claire Drake. The article accompanying the photograph set forth that the four individuals were Chicago members of the "Conscientious Objectors Against Jim Crow", who vowed never to fight in the Armed Forces of the United States so long as its announced policy of racial segregation was maintained. It further stated that Drake was the secretary of the "Conscientious Objectors Against Jim Crow."

A confidential informant, evaluated as believed to be reliable, advised that [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]  
According to the informant, Drake was listed as one of the endorsers, and informant advised that he was one of the speakers at the above Conference.

A reliable informant reported in April 1945 that Du Sable Lodge of the IWO (cited as Communist by the Attorney General) was

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Information obtained from "Who's Who in America," Volume 31, 1960-61)

DRAKE, (John Gibbs) St. Clair  
Educator, Anthropologist

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Born: Suffolk, Va., January 2, 1911; s. John Gibbs St. Clair and Bessie Lee (Bowles) D.

B. S. Hampton Institute, 1931  
Postgrad. University of Chicago, 1937-40  
Ph. D. in Anthropology, 1954

Married Elizabeth Dewey Johns, June 17, 1942; children - Sandra, Karl J.

1935-37 Instructor, Sociology and Anthropology, Dillard University  
1941-42

1937-38 Julius Rosenwald fellow, University of Chicago  
1947-48

1940-41 Associate Director, Illinois Community Condition Urban Colored Population

1943-45 Statistician, Med. Div., U. S. Maritime Service, N.Y.C.

1946-48 Asst. Prof. Sociology and Anthropology, Roosevelt College, Chicago  
1948-54 Asso. Prof.  
1954-- Prof. Sociology

Rosenwald Fellow for study of race relations in Great Britain, 1947-49  
Vis. Lecturer, Social Anthropology, Boston University, 1953  
Research Asso., Twentieth Century Fund's Survey of Tropical Africa, 1953-54  
Vis. Prof., Social Sciences, U. Liberia, Republic of Liberia, W. Africa, 1954  
Studied impact of press, film and radio on W. Africa, under grant from Ford Foundation, 1954-55  
Consultant, Ford Foundation, African Fellowship Training Program, 1955-57

Fellow American Anthropol. Association  
African Studies Association, U.S.A.  
Member, International Society for Study Race Relations  
American Society African Culture  
Phi Beta Sigma

Coauthor - "Black Metropolis," 1945

Home Address: 5644 Maryland Avenue

Office: Roosevelt College, Chicago

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# Memorandum

CLASSIFICATION PER OGA LETTER  
DATED 06-10-2008

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (97-4852)

FROM : SAC, WFO (100-35657) (P)

SUBJECT: JOHN GIBBS ST. CLAIR DRAKE  
RA - GHANA  
(OO:CG)

DATE: 2-20-64

2/15/64  
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ReCGlet to Bureau, 12-23-63, and Bulet to Chicago, 1-15-64.

On 1-7-64, [REDACTED] Registration Section, Internal Security Division, U. S. Department of Justice, advised SA [REDACTED] that records of that section failed to reveal subject had registered under provisions of the Foreign Agents Registration Act of 1938, as amended.

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On 2-7-64, records, as made available by the Offices of Security and Visa, U. S. State Department, were reviewed by SA [REDACTED]. These records contained results of Bureau's investigation of subject in 1961 and 1962 as "Peace Corps Applicant" and the only subsequent information contained in these records was a copy of [REDACTED]

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(S) [REDACTED]

In granting WFO authority to interview [REDACTED] concerning the "Ghana Students Association of the Americas" under that caption, Bureau stated it did not desire that [REDACTED] be interviewed specifically regarding any article written by him critical of the Ghanaian Government for which that Government may have taken reprisals against him. However, any information [REDACTED] may volunteer in this regard, as well as information concerning subject's involvement, will be furnished Bureau and interested offices.

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[REDACTED] WFO has submitted a request for information concerning subject to CIA [REDACTED] and, upon receipt, pertinent information will be furnished to Bureau and interested offices.

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SAC, Chicago (97-349)

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JOHN GIBBS ST. CLAIR DRAKE  
REGISTRATION ACT - GHANA

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ReCGlet 12/23/63.

(U) ~~WFO~~ check records of CIA and Registration Section of Department as requested in relet and also check State Department security records regarding subject. Contact with Peace Corps not believed necessary or desirable at this time. It is noted that no information has been received indicating that subject is acting as an agent in the U.S. for the Government of Ghana. The fact that he has defended the President of Ghana is not in itself sufficient basis for instituting a Registration Act investigation of subject. If the leads set forth herein fail to develop any information indicating subject may be acting as an agent for Ghana, further investigation is not warranted at this time.

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NOTE:

Subject was investigated in 1962 as Peace Corps applicant. Investigation revealed he was affiliated with several procommunist groups and that he had served as an instructor at the University of Ghana. Subject learned of our investigation and addressed a letter critical of it to our Chicago Office. In February, 1962, subject was placed on the list of persons "not to be contacted" without prior Bureau approval. Chicago has developed information from two African students in the U.S. indicating subject is pro-Ghana and that he has defended President Nkrumah of Ghana in the past when critical comment apparently concerned him. In view of fact we completed detailed investigation of subject in 1962 and there is no evidence indicating he is acting as an agent of the Ghana Government at this time, no further investigation of subject appears warranted at this time with the exception of that set forth herein.

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